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PARIS LE MONDE IN FRENCH 25-26 SEP 77 XXX COULD BE ACHIEVED."

((TEXT)) PRESIDENT AL-QADHDHAFI STATED THAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF CIVIL PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CHAD, SUDAN AND, ESPECIALLY, MAGHREB COUNTRIES.

"THE DISPUTE ABOUT WEST SAHARA IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGERS," HE STATED. "IF THE PARTIES CONCERNED WERE TO REMAIN INTRANSIGENT, A LARGE-SCALE WAR WOULD INEVITABLY FOLLOW THE PRESENT SKIRMISHES. I BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT THIS IS TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A MAGHREB CONFEDERATION--THE DISPUTED TERRITORY OF SAHARA WOULD HAVE ITS OWN PLACE WITHIN IT IN THE FORM OF A POLITICAL ENTITY WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DEFINED.

"I HAVE SUBMITTED MY PLAN TO THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES CONCERNED, TELLING THEM THAT MY AIM WAS TO INDUCE THEM TO MAKE A MINIMUM OF CONCESSIONS LIKELY TO LEAD TO AN AGREEMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THE MAIN THING IS TO START A DIALOG DURING THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE CREATION OF A CONFEDERATION WHICH ARE ALREADY TAKING PLACE. NOT ONLY MOROCCO, MAURITANIA AND TUNISIA, WHICH WOULD BELONG WITH ALGERIA TO SUCH A CONFEDERATION, BUT ALSO SPAIN, WHICH HAS MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD SAHARA, HAVE IMMEDIATELY ASKED ME TO VISIT THEM. I WILL GO ON SUCH A TOUR WITHIN THE NEXT 3 OR 4 MONTHS.

"I HAVE ADDITIONAL REASONS FOR FEELING CONFIDENT THAT MY UNDERTAKING WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL. PRESIDENTS BOURGUIBA, BOUMEDIENE AND OULD DADDAH TOLD ME AS FAR BACK AS THE FALL OF 1973 THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF SUCH A CONFEDERATION...."

((QUESTION)) IS KING HASSAN II PREPARED TO ACCEPT A SPECIAL POLITICAL STATUS FOR SAHARA? DO YOU BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE WOULD AGREE TO THAT TERRITORY REMAINING UNDER MOROCCAN CONTROL?

((ANSWER)) THE KING OF MOROCCO HAS EXPRESSED NO OPINION ON THE SUBJECT BUT--AND THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING FACT--INFORMED ME THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF MY COMING

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VISIT. AS FOR THE ALGERIAN PRESIDENT, HE IS NOT DIRECTLY CONCERNED BY THE PROBLEM SINCE IT FALLS WITHIN POLISARIO'S PROVINCE.

((QUESTION)) WITH REFERENCE TO THIS, WHY HAVE YOU NOT RECOGNIZED THE GOVERNMENT FORMED BY POLISARIO?

PRESIDENT AL-QADHDHAFI REPLIED WITH A SMILE: "PERHAPS WISDOM AND THE NEED FOR A COMPROMISE REQUIRE A CERTAIN CAUTION ON MY PART..."

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